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Diego Forlán

DIEGO FORLÁN is an Uruguayan footballer (Soccer player) who currently plays for Atlético Madrid of La Liga. He was born into a family of footballers. His father Pablo Forlán had played for the Uruguay national football team during the 1966 FIFA World Cup held in England and the 1974 FIFA World Cup held in West Germany and his grandfather Juan Carlos Corazzo played for Independiente (Argentina). He has dual citizenship: Uruguayan and Spanish.

Forlán was a promising tennis player in his youth, but when his sister, Alejandra Forlán, was involved in a car accident which killed her boyfriend and left her in intensive care for five months, he decided to follow the family tradition and concentrate on football. He played for several South American clubs including Argentine side Independiente before transferring in January 2002 to play for Manchester United in England.

He became a fan favorite in 2002 when he scored 2 goals against Liverpool in a 2-1 victory at Anfield. Wayne Rooney's arrival to the English club signaled the end of Forlán's playing days at United. Forlán was strongly linked to a move to Spanish club Levante, but signed on with another Spanish club, Villarreal, where he became the Spanish 2004-05 season "pichichi" (top scorer) with 25 goals, helping Villarreal to their first ever UEFA Champions League spot. He also jointly won the European Golden Boot award with Thierry Henry.



Professional Clubs

Years	Club	Goals
98-02	Independiente	40
02-04	Manchester United	10
04-07	Villarreal	59
07-	Atlético Madrid	18

National Team

02-	Uruguay	17
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